

CCM, ADULTERY, AND PSYCHOHERESY

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The following was published under the title "Siren Song of Psychology" in *PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter*, March-April 1998. Sandi Patty (used to be known as Sandi Patti) is one of many popular contemporary Christians musicians who have committed adultery, and she is not the only one who justified her divorce and remarriage on psychobabble. Amy Grant is another example, as we document in the latest edition of *The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians*, which can be obtained from the Free eBook section of Way of Life's web site. Martin and Deidre Bobgan, who publish the PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter, have made 12 of their books available as free eBooks at their web site -- www.psychoheresy-aware.org.

"Sandi Patty Stages Comeback," *Christianity Today* announces in its 1/12/98 issue. The article reports:

"For 1998, Patty has a growing number of performance dates, and there are signs that she is regaining her audience. . . . With lyrics such as 'Breathe on breath of God. Cover my sin with your mercy,' Patti may have found her own distinctive way to integrate a troubled past and an authentic music ministry."

The article quotes Patty as saying,

"The owning, naming, and confessing of the sin in my life was the beginning of experiencing the freedom that only comes through Christ."

As with various past articles about Patti, the *Christianity Today* article refers to Patty's adultery as "an extramarital relationship" and "an extramarital affair." We have followed the Sandi Patty "affair" since shortly after it became public because of the number of years Patty was involved in psychotherapy and using psych meds. In our original article we said:

"In an interview in the April, 1993 issue of *Contemporary Christian Music*, Sandi Patty gives a **psychological justification** for who she is and hints at why divorce was an option for her. Patty says, 'I brought so many wounds with me into my marriage.'"

She describes how she discovered those wounds: "That process really started about four years ago, when a friend of mine gave me a book,... .. It talked about behaviors in adults that indicate there might be some buried memories of some abuse."

The reading of such books has initiated many into blaming real or imagined early life experiences for present life problems. Patty says that she related to behavior problems described in the book. Then, after listing a number of them, such as "relationship problems, problems with intimacy on a physical level, overeating, an addictive personality as it relates to clinging to people and being dependent on what they think, not being able to speak up for what you feel, avoiding conflict," she concluded that "this is totally me."

Caveat emptor: Be wary of any "recalled memories" that are first remembered by means of psychological therapy, hypnosis, or support group interaction or that come during or after reading a self-help book on sexual or ritual abuse (PAL, VIN2).

Along the way we interviewed a number of her family members and friends. Think of the number of close relatives and other Christians who heard Patty's admitted lies and later learned about the adultery. And, think of the effect on the children of the two divorces, hers and the man with whom she committed adultery and then married. [The man, Don Peslis, was one of her backup singers.]

To compound her admitted adultery and lying, *Charisma* (11/95) reported that Sandi Patty sought to "gain full custody of their four children" in the divorce.

Someone ought to ask John Helvering, Patty's former husband, Helvering's siblings, his parents, other relatives and friends the following question: "Has Sandi Patty ever named her sins of adultery and lying to you personally, given acknowledgment of your being the victims of her sinfulness, repented personally to you, and asked you personally for forgiveness?" Not just a "sorry-about-the-pain-I-caused-you," but a humble naming, admitting, and seeking forgiveness for her sins against God and against them. The true victims of this gross sinfulness on Patty's part are her four children, her former husband, her former in-laws, other Christians, and, because she is so public, the church at large.

The case of Patty involves one of the most bankrupt systems of psychotherapy that exists today. The regressive, recalled memory psychotherapy has been the cauldron out of which all kinds of abominations have come. A report commissioned by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Britain concludes that any memory recovered through regression therapy is almost certainly false.

Combine the sinful heart with the sinful flesh and you have the adultery and lying that have characterized Sandi Patty's life. If she had chosen to be nurtured and corrected by God's truth rather than the psychological opinions of men, she could have spared the families, children, relatives and other Christians the agony and tragedy she inflicted upon them.

Patty's rising popularity is indicative of the trashed condition of Christians who claim the name of Christ but will not follow the doctrines of the Bible. Marrying a partner in adultery does not make the relationship right. It constitutes a continual condition of disobedience to God. How does one repent of adultery while one continues in an ongoing relationship with a former

accomplice in adultery? Sin is further compounded while it festers under the unholy sanctions of a compromised institution.

Think of the words of her song, "Breathe on breath of God. Cover my sin with your mercy." Sandi Patty needs to know that God's judgment is not based on popularity and that repentance precedes forgiveness and restitution follows.

In a public statement available to all who ask, Sandi Patty's church concludes by asking, "What would Jesus do? In the end, we were left with John 8. He said to the woman caught in adultery, 'Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.'"

Sandi Patty is sinfully divorced. Her own church says, "We allow Sandi to sing at North [her church]. We have no objection to her re-entry into a larger Christian music ministry, as well."

But, Jesus said, "Go and sin no more." The plain reading of the text was that the woman should not enter into any other sinful relationship. However, by God's standards Sandi Patty simply moved from adultery into a sinful divorce and then into marriage with her adultery partner, who divorced his wife.

Such is often the fruit of modern-day psychology as it is wed to the professing church. Patty and many others in the church have followed the siren song of psychology with its facade of Christianity.

"For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove the" (Ephesians 5:5-11).

When Christians follow the siren song of psychology and mix the wisdom of men with the Word of God, darkness with light, and the ways of the world with the ways of God, they become partakers with the children of disobedience.

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